

ARIZONA COUNCIL ON OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS

FACT SHEET

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Mission Statement

Through collaborative efforts and leadership, consistent with public safety, the Council will shape state and local public policy for the identification, diversion, and quality treatment of all individuals with mental impairments who interact with or are at risk of interacting with the criminal justice system.

Key Directions and Goals

Training and Education

- T Provide mental health and substance abuse treatment/education to staff of jails, correctional institutions, law enforcement agencies and community supervision agencies.
- T Promote continuing training and cross training to persons in the mental health and criminal justice fields.
- T Provide technical assistance and resources for training curricula.

Collaboration and Public Awareness

- T Increase public awareness regarding treatment options and the role of the Council.
- T Increase networking opportunities.
- T Increase formal collaborative efforts.
- T Improve services for juvenile offenders with mental health issues.

State and Local Policy

- T Best standards practices are incorporated into policy and practice.
- T Actively advocate for increased funding/resources for services/programs for offenders with mental impairments.

Jail Diversion Program

- T Provide formal jail diversion programs in each jurisdiction

Research Development and Dissemination

- T Increase research opportunities/activities targeting areas that support implementation of the Council goals.
- T Ensure research information/results are available to a diverse audience.

Public Relations

- T Available as an expert source for information and technical assistance related to services/education for offenders with mental impairments.